

No. 156.—Petition of RICHARD CAMPBELL ELLIS, of Belgrove, Nelson District. (Report No. 2.) PETITIONER prays that he may receive compensation for a deficiency in the area of land held by him under his several titles.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petitioner be paid the sum of £500 in full satisfaction of his claim.

9th August, 1900.

No. 201.—Petition of JAMES BURKE and 16 Others, of Pomahaka Downs Estate.

PETITIONERS allege that, owing to the indifferent return from their sections, they got into arrears with their rents, and, in consequence, the majority of their sections have been forfeited, and they have received notice to quit. They therefore apply for a reduction of rent.

I am directed to report that, as the matter is now under the consideration of the Otago Land Board, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

10th August, 1900.

No. 241.—Petition of JAMES LAING and 13 Others, of Glorit and Tauhoa, Rodney County.

PETITIONERS pray that a piece of land known as the Government Climatic Reserve, consisting of 1,500 acres, Tauhoa Survey District, may be opened for settlement.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th August, 1900.

No. 250.—Petition of THOMAS QUEALY and 103 Others, of Ellesmere Lake District.

PETITIONERS, who are Crown tenants and other settlers on lands adjoining Lake Ellesmere, pray that steps may be taken so that the lake can be drained into the sea and permanently kept at a low level.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th August, 1900.

No. 213.—Petition of JAMES WYBER and 84 Others, of Catlin's River Inlet District.

PETITIONERS pray that steps may be taken to have a bridge erected over the Catlin's River Inlet.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th August, 1900.

No 85.—Petition of ROBERT E. LESTER, of Kohukohu, Auckland District.

PETITIONER alleges that in consequence of legislation he has been deprived of 6 perches of land in the Town of Kohukohu, taken for a road.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government, with a recommendation that a valuation be made of the loss sustained by the petitioner in consequence of the land being taken from him, by a competent valuer or valuers, and the amount of such loss be awarded the petitioner.

17th August, 1900.

No. 255.—Petition of A. J. HATFIELD, Jun., and Others, of Districts in Wainui Riding, Waitemata.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of £700 may be placed on the estimates for the improvement of roads in the Wainui Riding.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

24th August, 1900.

No. 2.—Petition of Mrs. MARY ANGELO, of Ngunguru, Whangarei, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a piece of land which her late husband, Henry Dustin, became entitled to because he came to Auckland as an immigrant in 1865.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1900.

No. 262.—Petition of J. C. TAYLOR and Others, of Kaikora, North Town, Tikokino, and Wakarara Districts.

PETITIONERS pray that a number of gates placed on the Milbourn Valley Road may be removed.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1900.

Nos. 251 and 315.—Petitions of D. URQUHART and Others and JAMES DAVIES and Others, of Clutha Valley and Surrounding Districts.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of money may be voted for the construction of the Thompson's Gorge Road, Clutha Valley.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

24th August, 1900.